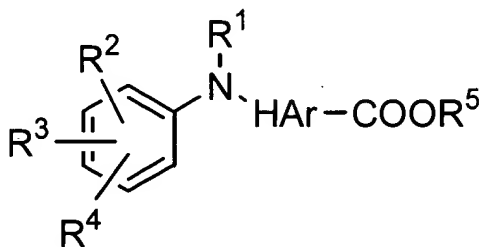


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A compound or a salt thereof represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl group, or an acyl group, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently represent hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group or adjacent R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> may combine together with carbon atoms on the benzene ring to which they bind to form an aromatic 5- to 7-membered ring or non-aromatic 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted; R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, nitro group, or a halogen atom; ~~HAr represents a heteroaryl-diyl group consisting of a 5-membered or 6-membered ring which contains 1 to 3 hetero atoms and may be substituted; and R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group~~ and HAr-COOR<sup>5</sup> is 5-carboxy-pyrimidine-2-yl.

2. (Currently Amended): A medicament composition which comprises the compound according to claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (New) A method for therapeutic treatment of diabetes comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.
6. (New) A method for preventive treatment of diabetes comprising administering to a patient a preventively effective amount of the compound of claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.
7. (New) A method for therapeutic treatment of complications of diabetes comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.
8. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein the complications of diabetes include at least one of retinopathy, nephrosis, neuropathy and hyperlipidemia.
9. (New) A method for preventive treatment of complications of diabetes comprising administering to a patient a preventively effective amount of the compound of claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.
10. (New) The method according to claim 9 wherein the complications of diabetes include at least one of retinopathy, nephrosis, neuropathy and hyperlipidemia.
11. (New) A method for controlling retinoid action comprising administering to a patient the compound of claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof to control retinoid action.